

HB 959 -- CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION REWARD PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Bosley

This bill requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to establish a "Career and Technical Education (CTE) Rewards Program" for districts that show an increase in the number of students who earned a CTE certificate in the previous year. DESE will determine the percentage increase required to be eligible and award grants to be used to strengthen the school district's CTE curriculum, programs of study, and course offerings. DESE shall give preference to eligible school districts with a high percentage of minority pupils and/or pupils experiencing poverty. This bill also creates the CTE "Workforce Development Recognition and Reward Program Fund" in the State Treasury.

This bill is similar to HB 2114 (2020).